

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
OF THE WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT
MEETING OF JUNE 11, 2001
LAREDO, TEXAS**

Let it be remembered that a regular meeting of the Webb County Commissioners Court was held on June 11, 2001 at the regular meeting place with the following members present to wit:

**Mercurio Martinez, Jr.
Jerry Vasquez
Judith Gutierrez
Felix Velasquez
Miguel Urdiales**

**County Judge
Commissioner Prct.#1
Commissioner Prct.#2
Commissioner Prct.#3
Commissioner Prct.#4**

Thus constituting a quorum, the Commissioners Court proceeded to act upon the agenda as posted in the meeting notice of the 7th of June 2001. Present also were Selina G. Reyes, Deputy County Clerk, representing Mr. Henry Flores, Ex-Officio Clerk of the Commissioners Court, various officers and others interested in the business of the court.

01-06-194

1. Call to order – Judge Martinez
Invocation – Mr. Chuck Owen
Pledge of Allegiance – said by all

01-06-195

2. Approval of minutes –

Motion to accept the minutes as submitted with the following corrections:

Page 2. – on the corrections – it should state the amount of \$ 1,000,000.00 and under Communications – should state the SBA office not SPA

Page 5. – item 6. – f. - should add the word and after South Laredo.

Page 6. – Should state that the amount being transferred is \$ 10,000 not \$ 4,500.00.

Page 8. – 6. – 1 – the amount should be corrected to \$ 3,292.00

Page 3. – add that this Resolution is in support of HB3571

01-06-196

3. Communications -

Judge Martinez informed the court that Ms. Sally Velasquez , Lobbyist was ill and could not be here this morning for her presentation.

Letter from the City Of Laredo regarding the renewal of the Interlocal Agreement for fire protection/EMS services.

Judge Martinez suggested to the court of appointing two committees at the next meeting. The committees would address the Fire/EMS services for the area outside the city limits and the other would address a proposed regional park.

Judge Martinez asked the Court Coordinator to place these items on the agenda.

Mr. Hector Farias, VIDA addressed the court.

Motion to move up item **01-06-199 8. – d. (8.) -**

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Mr. Homero Ramirez, County Attorney gave a status report on the final Casa Blanca Golf Course Operating Contract.

01-06-197

4. Bills, Payroll and Monthly Reports –

Mr. Jorge Flores, Chief Deputy Treasurer presented the Treasurer report and the Sales Tax Report.

Motion to approve to pay the bills and payroll as follows:

6-22 \$ 1,590,709.07

6-8 \$ 1,616,051.02

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

Auditor's Report –

Mr. Leo Flores, County Auditor presented his report at this time.

Tax Assessor-Collector -

Ms. Patricia A. Barrera, Tax Assessor-Collector gave the MVD and Ad Valorem reports.

Motion to accept all reports as submitted.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

01-06-198

5.

Motion to accept a Proclamation for June 14, 2001 as “Flag Day”.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

01-06-199

6. – a.

Motion to approve refunds as follows:

First American Real Estate Tax Service
Reason: Account Paid in error
Total refund: \$ 916.40

First American Real Estate Tax Service
Reason: Account Paid in error
Total refund: \$ 873.43

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

6. – b.

(1.)

Motion to approve line-item transfer:

From: acct. # 001-1102-6028 (witness expense) \$ 500.00
6011 (training/ed.) \$ 2,000.00
6007 (dues/membership) \$ 2,000.00
5601 (adm. travel) \$ 2,000.00
5602 (local mileage) \$ 500.00

\$ 7,000.00 total

To: acct. # 001-1102-6022 (prof.serv.) \$ 6,000.00
6001 (office supplies) \$ 1,000.00

\$ 7,000.00 total

and;

Fill slot # 271 (attorney) at an annual salary of \$ 45,950.00 and slot # 267 (attorney) at an annual salary of \$ 55,458.00.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

6. – c.

Motion to adjust salary for slot # 1847 (social service clerk-temporary part-time) from \$ 6.50 to \$ 7.00 an hour effective June 11, 2001 (grant monies – no impact on the General Fund – three other slots were adjusted and approved by the court several months ago. Inadvertently and thru oversight this slot was omitted).

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

6. – d.

(1.)

Motion to defer this item:

Action to approve the rental of the horse and carriage for weddings as requested by the public.

Moved: Commissioner Urdiales

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – d.

(2.)

Motion to approve the schedule for evaluations for all departments heads under the Commissioners Court as follows:

June 26 – 29, 2001 9 – 12 noon

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – d.

(3.)

Motion to approve a more relaxed dress code for the county employees during the summer months and other hot weather months.

Moved: Commissioner Urdiales

Second: Commissioner Judge Martinez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – d.

(4.)

Motion to clarify the dollar amount approved by the Commissioners Court to the Laredo Little Theater Summer Production of “The King and I” as \$ 5,000.00.

Moved: Commissioner Urdiales

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – d.

(5.)

Motion to approve the request from the U.S. Marine Corps. League from the Hotel-Motel funds in the amount of \$ 5,000.00 for their state convention to be held in Laredo on June 6th through the 10th , 2001.

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – d.

(6.)

Motion to adopt the following office hours for the summer months to be effective June 15, 2001 through August 31, 2001

8:00 a.m. to 12 noon

12:30 to 5:30 p.m. (36 hrs)

Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon (4hrs.)

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – d.

(7.)

Motion to defer this item:

Status report from the Redistricting Committee.

Moved: Commissioner Velasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – e.

Motion to fill slot # 038 (custodian) at \$ 6.50 an hour effective June 11, 2001.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – f.

Motion to table this item:

Action to approve a line-item transfer as follows:

From: acct. 001-2501-6014 (equip.rental) \$ 250.00

6202 (uniforms) \$ 200.00

6204 (fuel/lube) \$ 600.00

\$ 1,050.00 total

To: acct. 001-2501-6403 (vehicle maint.) \$ 1,050.00

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

6. – g.

Motion to approve a line-item transfer as follows

From: acct. 01-2060-5001 (jail bargaining unit-payroll) \$ 180,000

To: acct. 01-2001-6001 (office supplies) \$ 5,000.00
6304 (fuel/lube) \$ 10,000.00
6014 (equip./rental) \$ 10,000.00
6710 (stray animal exp.) \$ 500.00
\$ 25,500.00 total

To: acct. 01-2060-6011 (training/ed.) \$ 5,000.00
6201 (utilities) \$ 30,000.00
6401 (bldg. & maint.) \$ 9,750.00
6402 (equip. maint.) \$ 9,750.00
\$ 54,500.00 total

To: acct. 01-2062-6209 (medicines) \$ 40,000.00
6714 (medical services) \$ 60,000.00
\$ 100,000.00 total

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 4
Against: 1 } Commissioner Urdiales
Abstain: 0

6. – h.

Motion to issue “Certifications regarding compliance with plat requirements and connection of utilities” to authorize utility connections to the following properties:

a) Lot 20, Ranchitos Los Fresenos Subdivision (electricity – 1 dwelling)

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

01-06-200

7. – a.

Motion to authorize Change Order with Air Weld, Inc., in the amount of \$ 8,579.00 for the renovation of the Department of Public Safety building for the Justice of the Peace, Oscar O. Martinez, Pct. 4 (approval of change order would bring the total contract price to \$ 220,919.05).

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

7. – b.

Motion to fill the following slots in the Road & Bridge Department:

Slot# 648 (inspector) @ \$ 13.63 an hour
Slot# 1899 Plant Operator I @ \$ 8.14 an hour

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez
Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

01-06-201

8. – a. & b.

Motion to approve a Resolution authorizing the following county officials to be designated as authorized signatories for Webb County/Texas Community Development Program TCDP Contract# 721859

Mercurio Martinez, Jr., Webb County Judge
Judith Gutierrez, Commissioner Pct. 2
Miguel “Mike” Urdiales

and; approve a Resolution authorizing the following county officials to be designated as authorized signatories for Webb County/Texas Community Development Program TCDP Program Contract #721105:

Mercurio Martinez, Jr.
Judith Gutierrez, Commissioner Pct. 2
Miguel “Mike” Urdiales, Commissioner Pct. 4

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

8. – c.

Motion to authorize the submission of an amendment request #2 to TCDP Project # 720889 for the utilization of funds in the Water Facilities line item to conduct water improvements in the rural community of Oilton, Texas, the amendment request includes the drilling of a water well in Oilton, Texas (the Oilton Rural Water Corporation will be responsible for the maintenance and management of the water well once it is built).

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

01-06-202

9. – a.

Motion to purchase from Sirius Computer Solutions computer equipment for the relocation of the District and County Attorney's respective offices in the amount of \$ 18,309.00 (flood account #001-0105-6032-01).

Moved: Commissioner Vasquez

Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. – b.

Motion to purchase equipment for the CAA Self-Help Center Tool Library from the following vendors:

Dr. Ike's \$ 1,282.98

Texas Hardware \$ 7,528.57

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. – c.

Motion to award the following bid#

Bid# 2001-60 One passenger conventional school bus for the JJAEP Program to Longhorn Bus Sales (Sole bidder)

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

9. – d.

Motion to obtain the services of "G&R Roofing" to repair roof at El Cenizo Head Start Center in the amount of \$ 20,900.00 (acct. 903-4207-8801).

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

10. – a.

Motion to enter into a Professional Services Agreement with the Law Firm of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P., Attorney at Law, to serve as Bond Counsel for Webb County, specifically to prepare and perform legal proceedings and other necessary legal services with reference to the authorize sale and delivery of bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness (obligations) and with respect to continuing legal advise on the basis of an hourly rate established for the obligations, and at intervals convenient to the county for other matters such as advise and other services, The county will reimburse actual expenses and disbursements incurred. All fees and expenses for issuance of obligations will be due and payable only out of funds available for such payment. Either party may terminate the agreement at any time. Ordering an exemption from Section 262.023 Local Government Code (competitive bidding and competitive proposal requirements) and authorizing the County Judge to execute all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

10. – b.

Motion to purchase 501 McAfee Computer Virus Software Licenses and Technical support for two year period from Zones, Inc., for a total cost of \$ 10,07010 and authorize the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez

Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5

Against: 0

Abstain: 0

10. – c.

Motion to authorize the purchase of eighteen Dell Dimension 4100 computers and three Dell Dimension 8100 computers, five printers and one digital came from Dell at a cost no to exceed \$ 50,000.00 (funding from Certificates of Obligation Administration building).

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Urdiales

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

10. – d.

Motion to exercise the second and final option with Challenger Battery, Inc. for the commercial kitchen facilities located at 3719 Santa Maria, Laredo, Texas for use in the preparation of meals for beneficiaries of the Webb County Elderly Nutrition Program and the Webb County Meals on Wheels Program at a monthly rental of one thousand two hundred dollars and authorizing the County Judge to sign all relevant documents.

Moved: Commissioner Urdiales
Second: Commissioner Gutierrez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

10. – e.

Motion to accept a two hundred thousand dollar grant from the State of Texas Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant, for the school based Anti-Truancy Bootcamp and authorize the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. (No grantee cash match or in kind match).

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

10. – f.

Motion to accept a thirty five thousand eight hundred sixty-seven dollar Grant from the State of Texas Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant, for salary of an Assistant County Attorney including fringe benefits and locks and closures in the amount of sixteen thousand nine hundred dollars and authorize the County Judge to sign all relevant documents. (Grantee cash match is twenty-six thousand nine hundred six dollars).

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Vasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0

Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Moved: Commissioner Gutierrez
Second: Commissioner Velasquez

For: 5
Against: 0
Abstain: 0